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**Senator McManus' Floor Comments on 6-17-04:**

President Reagan once said, "Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere."

For the Michigan Republican party and those of us lucky enough to have worked in the Upper Peninsula, we have lost one of our best this week.

Pat Carpio and his mother were taken from us in a tragic car accident on Monday.

In this business, we meet countless people and call many our friends. But of those friends, there are often few who selflessly and tirelessly give of themselves to help you reach your own goals. Pat was one of those people. I'm not sure how I would have gotten through the 98 Congressional campaign without him. He was always willing to stay up all night if necessary and his sound counsel and ready input helped me out of situations too numerable to mention.

As a Republican, Pat was the first person to call when you crossed the bridge.

His hard work, long hours, and vast knowledge of anyone and everything in the UP was an invaluable resource to candidates, elected officials, and volunteers.

I had the personal privilege of knowing Pat for more than a decade.

While there are many stories that have been running through my mind over the last few days, (several of which would not be appropriate on the Senate floor!), I think that I and the entire 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District will always fondly remember the bus trips Pat organized to bring the UP to the Republican State Conventions. That bus began its trip at 6am in Dickenson County and the party continued over the bridge and all the way down the Lower Peninsula.

The First Congressional loved Pat Carpio. He was the glue that held us together.

Finally, in President Reagan's words once again, "In this springtime of hope, some lights seem eternal; America's is." And so is Pat Carpio's.

Thank you Mr. President. I'd like my remarks printed in the journal.

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RNC speech, August 23, 1984